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Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know why the public are not allowed to bathe at the other falls and at the Chittaruvi fall ?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. Krishnan Nayar:—"Because they are all in the interior of the reserve forests and damage may be done to these reserve forests if free access is given to the public, i.e., the bathers."

General

Alleged arrest of young boys at Madanapalle for collecting subscriptions to picketing.

* 599 *Q.*—Mr. C. R. Parthasarathi Ayyangar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether several young boys were charged before the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle about August 1931 for obtaining subscriptions for picketing;

(*b*) whether a vakil of the Madanapalle Bar was also charged before the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle as an abettor along with them for having issued an appeal on their behalf to help them;

(*c*) whether a similar set of volunteers at Piler was charged under section 420, I.P.C., for having collected subscriptions in Piler for picketing;

(*d*) whether a local contractor of Piler was also charged under sections 109 and 420, I.P.C., for having issued an appeal on their behalf;

(*e*) whether any person complained to any of the authorities of having been cheated;

(*f*) if not, who charge-sheeted the young boys and had them remanded to custody and for what ostensible reason;

(*g*) whether the District Magistrate sanctioned the prosecution;

(*h*) whether circulars were issued to treat picketing as political offences by the District authorities or by anybody else;

(*i*) whether the cases were thrown out by the Joint Magistrate of Madanapalle in September 1931; and

(*j*) whether the Government will be pleased to give the reason why they were kept in custody by the police especially when the boys were quite young?

A.—The Government have no detailed information and have called for it.

Legislative Council

Eligibility of the Deputy President of the Legislative Council to draw daily allowance.

* 600 *Q.*—Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether Deputy Presidents of the Legislative Council in former years have been drawing daily allowance for the sittings of the Council; and